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May 1997 Newsletter

Gorgeous Spring Greetings!

And enjoy it now; it doesn't last long (spring, not the greetings).
First and foremost--our next meeting will be a watercolor demo by Ron Lent on Monday night, 7:30, May 12th, at the Somerset County Library. Ron, a multi-award winner, member of GSWS and NJWS, and teacher as well, is a good and entertaining demonstrator. You'll want to come to our last demo until September. And it was a full house for our April demonstrator Ruth Wilson, who taught us all new tricks, even the old dogs like me.

Many thanks to Marge Braun who ably coordinated and led our fantabulous bus trip to NY City April 19th. We all had a great time at the Met and at the AWS Show. Thank you, Marge!

Thanks are also due to Elsa Herrmann for running our Spring Members Show at the Somerset County Library in April. And we're also appreciative for the help Art Trippanera and Ed Baumlin gave! It was an RVAA month at the library as our official show filled the lobby space and we also had the cases due to a cancellation and....members Donna Hopkins and Ken Bernhard had a two-person show in the Circular Gallery further on in the library. Congratulations go to all the winners as follows:

Best in Show: Ed Baumlin for his watercolor "Breakers"

Pro, under glass	Pro, not under glass
First: Elsa Herrmann	Ken Bernhard
Second: Diana Wilkoc Patton	
Third: Fran Maurer	

Non-pro, under glass	Non-pro, not under glass
First: Art Trippanera	First: Elizabeth Ryman
Second: Susan Furey	Second: Debbie Hughes
Third: Dorothy Varrone	Third: Nancy Schuman
Hon. Mention: Tim Furey	

RVAA is in need of a Hospitality Chairperson. Actually we're thinking of playing Pass the Pot. The coffee pot would be passed from meeting to

meeting and perhaps there'd be a sign-up sheet for two cookie/finger cake volunteers each meeting. The Hospitality Chairperson basically only has to have two sign-up sheets a year, and the pot is carried by a different person each time. Any takers? Please call President Linda Arnold at 647-3610.

We want to welcome some new members to the Wonderful World of RVAA.... so a big HELLO to brand new (as of April meeting) members Sandra Ganz of Warren, NJ, 469-0412; Constance Noonan of Basking Ridge, 647-3638; and Tim Furey of Bridgewater, 469-6591.

And in case you misplaced your last newsletter (or recycled it), here's Linda Beazley's brand-new address again:169 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R 3A1; her phone number is 416-929-4210.

Planning ahead? Please remember that RVAA will have a member exhibit at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Gallery in the County Administration Building, Grove St, Somerville, in October. Details next newsletter.

From RVAA member Doris Terris comes news of the annual Hunterdon Watercolor Society's members' exhibit during May at the Hunterdon County Library on Rt. 12, Flemington. The Hunterdon Watercolor Society was founded by (RVAA member) Andrea Morrison and a group of students of Ron Lent. It has since greatly expanded with watercolor demos at most of their meetings. You can call Doris at 638-6561 for more info.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Ken Bernhard and Donna Hopkins had a two-person show in the Circle Gallery at the Somerset County Library during May.

Elsa Herrmann has an exhibit of her watercolors during April and May at the Clarence Dillon Library in Bedminster. Elsa also won Honorable Mention in the Lambertville Historical Society Show in February.

Marie Kober and John Spitzmiller will have a show at the Provident Savings Bank on Washington Ave., Dunellen, in July.

Fran Maurer won an Award of Excellence for her watercolor "Still Life with Purples" at the Westfield Art Association's annual Watercolor, Graphics, & Photography Exhibition. The show, with work by 72 members, was held in the Westfield Community Room, April 6-20th.

Diana Wilkoc Patton won the Best in Show Norman Webb Award for her watercolor "Palette Place" at the Westfield Art Associations annual Watercolor, Graphics, & Photography Exhibition.

Doris Terris has a Collection of Small Paintings on display during May at the North County Branch of the Hunterdon County Library, 93 Beaver Ave., Annandale. Hours are Mon., Fri., and Sat 9-5 and Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9-9. 908-730-6262.

And finally, from a workshop Linda Arnold attended:

"The Business of Art (distasteful, but necessary)

- 1)Begin to keep "acceptable" records
- 2)Understand IRS regulations and requirements
- 3)Get a tax-exempt number
- 4)Decide if you need (or want) gallery representation and then figure out how to get it
- 5)Apply for a grant
- 6)Enter exhibitions, build a resume, find out what types of shows are considered appropriate for a resume.
- 7)Take good slides, for record purposes as well as to submit to exhibitions and galleries
- 8)Learn about copyrights and contracts"

And so, in a season of pink and white and lavender trees, amongst yellow blossoms and peach, and a world of new greens, happy painting!